

REMARKS

The Applicants submit this paper in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on December 11, 2009. By way of this response, the Applicants renew their presentation of the claim amendments submitted in the Applicants' response dated August 6, 2009. However, the Applicants do not re-submit herewith the previously submitted remarks of the Applicants' response, but instead kindly request the Examiner to refer to the August 6, response for those remarks.

The Applicants submit the foregoing corrected amendment. The text "the" on line 4 of claim 15 has been underlined per the notice of non-compliant amendment. In addition, the original text ":" (which is the colon) after "and configured to" on line 3 of claim 9, was not intended as deleted text. Instead, the ":" (colon) appears as original text (i.e., not underlined) after "the processor to" in the amendment filed on August 6, 2009. Accordingly, the amendment is proper. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

I. Conclusion

The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application. In view of the foregoing, the Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining matters that the Examiner would like to discuss, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

In general, the Office action makes various statements regarding the pending claims and the cited references that are now moot in light of the above. Thus, the

Applicants will not address such statements at the present time. However, the Applicants expressly reserve the right to challenge such statements in the future should the need arise (e.g., if such statement should become relevant by appearing in a rejection of any current or future claim).

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency in the submitted payment toward payment of any fee due for the filing of this paper to deposit account number 50-2455. In addition, if a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is necessary to maintain the pendency of this case and is not otherwise requested in this case, the Applicants request that the Commissioner consider this paper to be a petition for an appropriate extension of time and hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge the fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(a) corresponding to the needed extension of time to the above deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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